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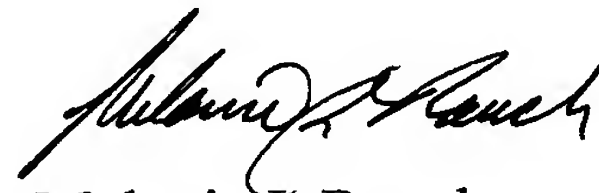
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the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

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Form PTO-1449 (3 pages) is enclosed with a copy of each and every reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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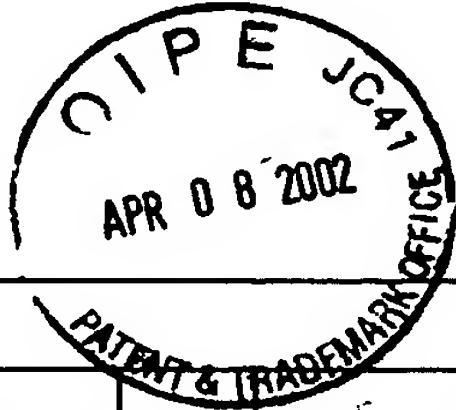
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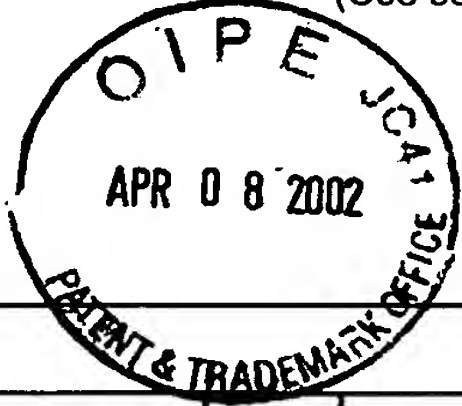
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